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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY

FOLLOWING REPEAT DAR ES SALAAM ACTION SECSTATE INFO ACCRA
CAPE TOWN GABORONE LONDON LUSKAKA MAPUTO DATED MAY 10:

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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CONSULTATIONS: PRESIDENT NYERERE INFORMED

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1. IN VIEW PRESSURE ON NYERERE'S TIME CAUSED BY LARGE NUMBER
VISITORS IN DAR WAITING TO SEE HIM, UK HICOM MERVYN BROWN AND
CHARGE OFFERED CALL TOGETHER TO BRIEF NYERERE ON US AND UK INTEN-
TIONS IN REGARD TO NAMIBIA (REFTEL). OFFER WAS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.
FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF 10 MAY MEETING WITH NYERERE, DRAWING ON
AGREED ACCOUNT PREPARED BY BROWN.

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2. CHARGE AND UK HICOM AGREED TO CALL ON PRESIDENT NYERERE
TOGETHER, WHICH WE DID THIS MORNING. BROWN HANDED OVER LETTER
FROM OWEN. NYERERE READ IT, AND INDICATED GENERAL APPROVAL.
CHARGE EMPHASIZED AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE IN
ZIMBABWE AND SUPPORT FOR THE PRESENT BRITISH INITIATIVE.
IN VIEW OF CONCERN WHICH HAD BEEN EXPRESSED ABOUT US DIRECT
INVOLVEMENT, CHARGE EMPHASIZED US DESIRE OZO PLAY ONLY WHATEVER

ROLE THE PARTIES CONCERNED WOULD CONSIDER MOST USEFUL. IT WAS NOT US INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH WAS A MATTER FOR BRITISH AND THE ZIMBABWEANS. CHARGE THAN HANDED OVER THE DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT DUE TO BE MADE ON 11 MAY.

3. NYERERE, WHO HAD NODDED AGREEMENT THROUGHOUT CHARGE'S PRESENTATION, COMMENTED "THAT'S PROGRESS." HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF THE US POSITION WHICH APPEARED TO COINCIDE WITH TANZANIA'S VIEW THAT ALL PRESSURES, MILITARY AND POLITICAL, SHOULD BE APPLIED TOGETHER. AS REGARDS PARTICIPATION IN THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS, HE SAID THAT THE FIVE PRESIDENTS DID SUPPORT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT BUT HAD NEVER SAID THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF THE OTHER ZIMBABWEANS LEADERS. HIS POSITION WAS STILL THAT "WHEN IT COMES TO TALKING, HAVE THEM ALL". BUT AS TALKING WAS MAINLY ABOUT THE PROCESS OF ENDING THE WAR IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO GIVE THE OTHERS THE SAME KIND OF WEIGHT AS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. "WE SHOULD GIVE A LITTLE BIT MORE WEIGHT TO THOSE WHO CLAIM TO HAVE GUERRILLA SUPPORT". BUT HE WAS NOT GOING TO CRITICIZE ANYBODY FOR INCLUDING THE BISHOP ANDESITHOLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE WAS QUITE HAPPY WITH THE PROCEDURES NOW PROPOSED AND WOULD AWAIT THE OUTCOME WITH INTEREST.

4. CHARGE ASKED WHETHER, NOW THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD DECIDED TO SET UP A HEADQUARTERS IN DAR ES SALAAM, THE PRESIDENT WOULD EXPECT MOST OF THE DISCUSSIONS TO TAKE PLACE HERE. NYERERE SAID THIS WOULD SEEM LOGICAL BUT HE DID NOT MIND WHETHER THEY TOOK PLACE HERE, IN LUSAKA, OR ANYWHERE ELSE. HE DISCOURSED IN HIS MOST JOVIAL MANNER ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY OF TRACKING DOWN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE ZIMBABWEAN LEADERS (AND ALSO NUJOMA, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE STILL UNKNOWN) BUT SAID HE WOULD USE HIS INFLUENCE TO TRY TO PERSUADE THEM TO STAY PUT LONG ENOUGH FOR THE PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS.

5. REFERRING ALSO TO THE DISCUSSIONS HE HAD JUST HAD ON THE DEMARCHE OF THE FIVE ON NAMIBIA (SEPTTEL), HE SAID THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM REGARDING CHANGE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA, HE THOUGHT THERE WAS NOW A GOOD CHANCE OF ACHIEVING EARLY MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA PROVIDED THE WESTERN POWERS, AND PARTICULARLY THE USA, MAINTAINED THEIR PRESENT DETERMINED ATTITUDE.
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